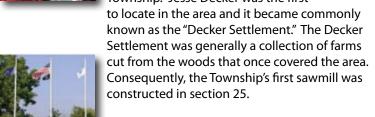
**Orion Township** Historically, Orion Township was settled for griculture and forestry. The Village of Lake Orion, on the other hand, served as the center of commerce and as a resort community. The first land was purchased in 1819 in the Midwest portion of the Township in section 19 by Judah Church and John Wetmore who purchased the land to harvest its timber. This area was once known as "The Big

Pinery" because of its abundance of large trees. However, most early development occurred in sections 24 and 25 in the southeast portion of the ownship. Jesse Decker was the first





Orion Township

Paint Creek Trail

Annual Events

Polly Ann Trail

**Community Contacts** 

Downtown New Year's Resolution Run

Downtown Flower Fair & Art in Bloom

Downtown 4th of July Fireworks & Jubilee

Concert in the Park in Civic Center Park

Summer Music Series in Children's Park

Rural Pearl of a Ride-Bicycling Event

Paint Creek Trail Labor Day Ride/Walk

Big Rig Gig in Friendship Park

Barn Daze in Friendship Park

Downtown Fall Family Fun Fest

8k Dragon Dash - Run/Walk around Lake Voorhies

National Trails Day & River Day in Children's Park

Dog Days of August – Sidewalk Sales & Parade

Downtown Halloween Parade & Trick or Treating

Lighted Holiday Village & Night Time Parade

**DON'T MISS THESE TOP ATTRACTIONS:** Canterbury Village

(248) 391-0304

(248) 969-8660

Indianwood Golf Course Historic Downtown Lake Orion Paint Creek Trail William E. Scripps Estate Orion Oaks County Park

Bald Mt. State Recreation Area

www.canterburyvillage.com www.indianwoodgolfandcountryclub.com www.downtownlakeorion.org www.paintcreektrail.com www.friendsofscrippsestate.org www.oakgov.com/parksrec www.michigan.gov/dnr



**Village of Lake Orion** 

The Village of Lake Orion began in the mid-19th

century as a land promotion endeavor

that featured a beautiful lake. After the

Civil War and through the 1920's, it saw

life as a popular Victorian summer resort

and Chautauqua-like destination for the

growing city of Detroit. For much of

the 20th century, it remained a tranquil

lake side village insulated from the

major effects of urban development.

Today Lake Orion remains a unique

lake side residential community, yet

finds itself a part of a dynamic and

burgeoning suburban county in

the sprawling Detroit metropolitan area.

Lake Orion, once called Lake Canandaigua, is for

the most part "man-made." Prior to 1936, the lake

was small, with the Paint Creek being both an inlet

and an outlet. To provide adequate flow for the use

of water-powered mills, a dam was constructed.

Over the years, a number of different dams were

constructed, as previous ones failed.

paintcreektrail@aol.com January 1 Mid-May 3rd Sunday in May Schedule subject to change. For more information visit: www.oriontownship.org or

parksrec@oriontownship.org

The City of Auburn Hills & the City of Pontiac

**City of Pontiac** 

Pontiac in 1818. Two years later there were enough

people there to form a village named

recognized by the state legislature

after the famous Indian Chief

in the area only a few years

who had made his headquarters

before. The village was officially

in 1837 and it incorporated as a

city in 1861. From the beginning,

Pontiac's central location served it

well. It attracted professional people,

ncluding doctors and lawyers, and

soon also became a center of industry

The city became the location of choice

or woolen and grist mills which made

use of the Clinton River as a power source. With

the coming of the railroad through the downtown

The first settlers arrived in what is now the City of

1st Saturday in June Tuesdays in June & July Wednesdays in July & Augu August 2nd Friday in August 3rd Saturday in Septembe September September October 30

www.downtownlakeorion.ord www.paintcreektrail.com www.pollyanntrailway.org

www.oriontownship.org

www.downtownlakeorion.org **Mystery Tours, Art Gallery** Events, Wine Tasting, & Pub Crawls - All Year

**City of Auburn Hills** 

The City of Auburn Hills is a proud and dynamic

community with a population of

approximately 20,000 people. Since its

incorporation into a City in 1983, the

community has experienced a rebirth of

its Village Center, with an assortment of

attractions including the Clinton River

Trail, Clinton River, Riverside Park,

River Woods Park and Skate Park. The

City's Civic Center, that has preserved

many features from the historic

Wesson Seyburn Estate, includes an

assortment of attractions including

the Community Center that serves

as a focal point for community activities,

programs, and special events sponsored by the City.

Civic Center Park offers a wealth of natural beauty

and recreational opportunities. Hawk Woods



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Goodison Cider Mill, Paint Creek Cider Mill, Rochester Cider Mill

(248) 651-4440 mail@oaklandtownship.org

www.oaklandtownship.org

www.paintcreektrail.com

www.michigan.gov/dnr

www.twinlakesgc.com

www.thewyndgate.com

www.golfthemyth.com

www.oaklandtownship.org

www.blackheathgolfclub.com

(248) 651-9260 paintcreektrail@aol.com

Oakland Township Historical Society (248) 693-8660 info@oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org

**Oakland Township** Oakland Township strives to stay beyond the reach of overcrowding, maintaining a rural setting; although culture, recreation,

**DON'T MISS THESE TOP ATTRACTIONS:** 

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

Westwynd & Wyndgate Country Club

Bald Mt. State Recreation Area

Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club

The Myth Golf and Banquet

Paint Creek Trail

Blackheath Golf Club

and shopping are nearby. The Township is firmly established as a high quality residential area containing elevated topography with views of the Paint Creek and Stony Creek Rivers. The Paint Creek Trail follows its namesake through hills, fields, woodlands, and marshes. The trail connects the Village of Lake Orion with the City of Rochester. A large part of the Bald Mountain State Recreation

Oakland Township & Goodison

**Community Contacts** 

Clean Scene-roadside cleanup day

Tree and/or Native Plant Sale

Goodison Good Tyme

Winter Carnival

Paint Creek Trail

**Annual Events** 

Area is located in the Township as well as a small portion of Stony Creek Metropark. As one of the original twenty-five townships created when the Territory of Michigan was organized in 1827, our history runs deep and can be seen in the many historical homes and by visiting Cranberry Lake

### Goodison

The hamlet of Goodison, located at the heart of Oakland Township, originally began as a trading post. Goodison developed as the economic, cultural, and educational center to the agrarian community. A grist mill was built in 1835 powered by

Paint Creek, and operated until 1941. The Detroit-Bay City Railroad built a line through the Paint Creek Valley and Goodison in 1872. The Railroad established a "flag" station at Goodison. The stop was named after the Goodison family who ran both the grist mill and post office at the time. The railroad provided the growing

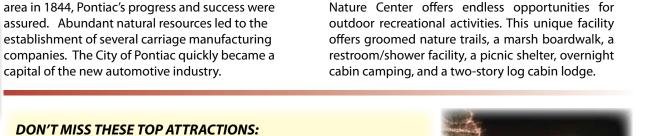
dairy and orchard industries in the Township with an efficient means of distributing their perishable products south to Detroit and north to Flint. Today Goodison is a great place to stroll quiet byways with historic homes, stores, tiny Paint Creek United Methodist Church and the Township Municipal Complex. Stop for cider and donuts, then take a hike on the Paint Creek Trail or the trails at Bear Creek Nature Park!

# The City of Rochester Hills & the City of Rochester



www.paintcreektrail.com

www.clintonrivertrail.org





**Auburn Hills** 

Clinton River Trail

Annual Events

River Day Fishing Derby

Music in the Park Series

**Woodward Dream Cruise** 

Fall Festival in the Woods

Village Center Spooktacular

Tree Lighting Ceremony

**National Night Out** 

Arts. Beats. & Eats

Halloween Trail

Pontiac

**Community Contacts** 

Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Contest

Parade of Stars Bluegrass Festival

Oakland County Farmer's Market

The Palace of Auburn Hills **Great Lakes Crossing** Auburn Hills Village Center Fieldstone Golf Club Oakland County Farmer's Market www.oakgov.com/cmarket Downtown Pontiac Clinton River Trail

(248) 370-9440

(248) 758-3000

www.palacenet.com www.auburnhills.org www.fieldstonegolfclub.com www.pontiac.mi.us www.clintonrivertrail.org



www.shopgreatlakescrossing.com www.auburnhills.org



June, July, & August 1st Tuesday in August August Labor Day Weekend October October October 1st Monday in December

Saturday of Easter Weekend

Schedule subject to change. For more information visit: www.auburnhills.org www.pontiac.mi.us



### **DON'T MISS THESE TOP ATTRACTIONS:** Downtown Rochester

**City of Rochester Hills** 

www.downtownrochestermi.com Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve www.dinosaurhill.org Rochester Hills Public Library Downtown Rochester River Walk Bloomer Park www.rochesterhills.org



Rochester Hills provides a variety of activities including golfing, hiking, cricket, soccer, and baseball. You can bike to and through several neighboring communities using the rails to trails pathways that have been developed over the last decade. Historical sites to visit include Yates Cider Mill, the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal and the Van Hoosen Farm. Having the third lowest tax base in Oakland County makes Rochester Hills an

Paint Creek Trail

Clinton River Trail

affordable as well as a great place to live. Access is easy from I-75 or M-59 to get to the city or to go to a

sporting event or concert in the metro area, all just a short drive away. The City of Rochester Hills, in the form it is known today, was essentially created by its original layout on the section lines as Avon Township. The grid structure of the City is intersected by three natural systems: the Clinton River, Paint Creek, and Stony Creek. These natural systems provide numerous recreational and open space amenities.

### **City of Rochester** Rochester was settled in 1817 and drew pioneers

because of its location in the Clinton River Valley strategically located between the Clinton River and Paint Creek and Stoney Creek all of which powered mills to cut timber, grind grain, card wool, and press apples into cider. The citizens of the Rochester area contributed to the development of planked roads connecting Detroit, Pontiac, Romeo, and Royal Oak,

which eased farmers' access to those markets, and brought business to the villages and farms, as well as desirable manufactured goods. Later, Rochester citizens bought \$50,000 in railroad stocks to

ensure that rail lines ran through Rochester. These decisions assured Rochester's future as a thriving rural market town by shipping local produce and passengers out and bringing new products and business in. By 1907 there were 8 passenger and 25 freight trains stopping in Rochester every day.

**Washington Township** Washington Township was originally surveyed in 1816, and was subsequently organized as a township in 1827, only nine years after Macomb County was formed. At the time of its formation, Bruce and Washington Township were combined. The Township's first permanent inhabitants were from New York who settled near the Village of Romeo. While

Washington Township's history is closely tied to this historic village, the township offered the wealth of natural resources that support extensive family-owned orchards some dating back over 180 years. The waterways and fertile soil yield award winning fruit production for apples, peaches, cherries and vegetables of all kinds. As farmland has turned to comfortable

community living areas, more residents have moved to the township enjoying its scenic views and historic corridor along Van Dyke Road.

### **Village of Romeo**

Romeo thrives with unique shops, restaurants,

and galleries in a premier historic setting dating from the 1800's. Midwest architectural history lines the residential streets decorated in all seasons. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places and on the Michigan Register of Historic Sites, Romeo bustles as a local business center in northern Macomb County amid fruit orchards and on the recreational Macomb Orchard Trail. Home of the Michigan Peach Festival each year over Labor Day

weekend, downtown Romeo showcases the best of living in southeastern Michigan. Incorporated as a village in 1838, Romeo's diverse population has been about 3,700 residents for years. Once the home of a branch of the University of Michigan in the 1840's, Romeo is still the cultural, educational and business center of the area.



Community Contacts

Downtown Romeo

Village of Romeo

**Washington Township** 

Halloween in the Village

Midnite Madness

### **DON'T MISS THESE TOP ATTRACTIONS:**

Romeo National Register Historic District Starkweather Arts and Cultural Center Romeo Historical Society Museums Loren Andrus Octagon House Stony Creek Metropark

Macomb Orchard Trail

www.romeodda.org www.villageofromeo.org www.starkweatherarts.com www.libcoop.net/romrhs www.octagonhouse.org www.metroparks.com www.macomborchardtrail.com





**Annual Events** Romeo Romantic Days & Chocolate Festiva Annual Romeo Victorian Festival Relay for Life-cancer support Romeo Garage, Antique Sale, Farmers Market June June Washington Concerts in the Park June and July Romeo Sidewalk Sales Michigan Peach Festiva

Labor Day Weekend Octobei October Christmas at Home-Romeo Monday Club December Romeo Christmas Home Tour December

www.romeoromanticdays.com www.romeovictorianfestival.com www.relayforlife.org www.romeodda.org www.romeodda.org www.mipeachfest.com www.romeodda.org (586) 752-4436 (586) 752-6077 www.romeodda.org

www.libcoop.net/romrhs



# Shelby Township & the City of Utica

### **Shelby Township**

Shelby Township is a diverse community offering many historic and scenic opportunities for public enjoyment The attractions range from bird watching and hiking through our many parks to stepping back in time to spend the day as a child in

the 1871 Andrews Schoolhouse or get married in Historic Hope Chapel. Joe Louis once lived at Spring Hill Farms, where River Bends Park is currently located and you can see where the underground railroad lead

slaves to safety. Visit the Packard Proving Grounds, an engineering marvel. Families can fish, skateboard, sled, play baseball, go geocaching, explore historic cemeteries or just relax at Holland Ponds. Remnants of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal can be viewed along 22 & 23 Mile roads in Shelby

Township. Bird watching is a favored pastime while visiting Shadbush Nature Center on Ryan Road.

## **City of Utica**

Utica is located in western central Macomb County; 12 miles north of Detroit, and 11 miles east of Pontiac. The City operates an area of approximately 1.9 square miles and has a current population of

over 4,500 residents, according to the census. While settled in 1817, Utica offer its residents and visitors of today a respite from the often hectic suburban lifestyle. With its tree-lined streets, quaint historic downtown, well developed parks, and great shopping, Utica is a definite destination. From its beautiful hotels and nearby Dave & Busters to hiking along the Clinton River or kayaking and biking, Utica offers

visitors much to do. Play time at Grant Park, lunch in Heritage Park, or walk though the woods in Utica Recreation Area to view the wildlife - all can be yours just a step away from the frantic pace of M-59 or Van Dyke Avenue. See the variety of historic homes, bird watch, or just come to people watch in beautiful historic Utica.

# **DON'T MISS THESE TOP ATTRACTIONS:**

River Bends Park Mae Stecker Park Heritage Garden & Hope Chapel www.shelbyparksandrecreation.org Shadbush Nature Center **Packard Proving Grounds** Grant Park Heritage Park

www.shelbyparksandrecreation.org www.shelbyparksandrecreation.org www.shelbyparksandrecreation.org www.packardmotorfdn.org/projects.htm www.cityofutica.org www.cityofutica.org



Community Contacts

Annual Events

Old Mill Arts and Crafts Festiva

Schedule subject to change. For more information visit:

www.cityofutica.org or

www.shelbytwp.org



TOWNSHIP

### **BY CAR** Farmland, Cider Mills & Apple Orchard Tour:

Spend a crisp autumn day exploring the colorful agricultural landscape of Northern Macomb and Oakland counties. Start your morning by picking apples, pumpkins, and raspberries and sampling cider at one of 10 orchards and cider mills in the area. Drive back roads and stop at a barn sale or two along the way. Roll into downtown Romeo or Rochester for a late lunch and some casual shopping. In Romeo, wrap up your day by viewing stately Victorian homes with a drive through the historic district. In Rochester, take an evening stroll along the Paint Creek on the Downtown Rochester River Walk. ADMIT ONE



**BY BIKE** 

Trails and Parks Tour:

Pack a lunch and plan a day long odyssey on the vast network of over 100 miles of trails. The Macomb Orchard, Paint Creek, and Clinton River trails connect five downtowns, over 18,500 acres of parkland, and provide access to the Clinton River, Paint Creek, and Stony Creek. Get off the main trails and onto the loop trail around Stony Creek Lake or explore the rugged trails of Bald Mountain State Recreation Area. The



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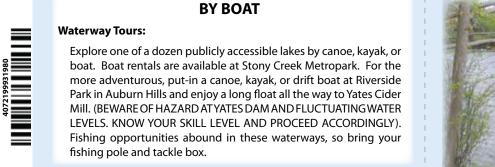
sun sets, explore the nightlife in these downtowns.

**ON FOOT** 

Visit any of the six historic downtown districts in the area: Downtown Pontiac, Downtown Lake Orion, Auburn Hills Village Center, Downtown Rochester, Downtown Romeo, and Downtown Utica. Each of these historic centers is rich in history, while offering unique shopping and world-class dining opportunities. After the



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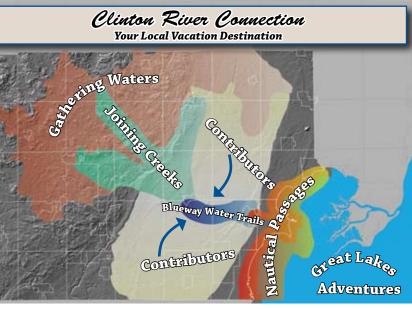


**ADMIT ONE** 

# About the Clinton River Connection: Joining Creeks Area

The Clinton River Watershed is defined by five unique character areas: Gathering Waters, Joining Creeks, BlueWay Water Trails, Nautical Passages, and Great Lakes Adventures. Each area offers unique local opportunities for enjoying nature and culture. The Clinton River Connection project is a partnership between Oakland and Macomb counties, the Clinton River Watershed Council, and local municipalities to help spread the word about what makes this area both a unique destination and a great place to live.

The Joining Creeks Area of the Clinton River Watershed features the high-gradient, groundwater fed creeks of Paint, Stony, Galloway, and Sargent that coalesce into the Clinton River and provide a high-quality trout and salmon fishery. These streams are at the heart of the Clinton River Watershed and mark the transition between the headwaters and the lower river system. The vibrant and historic downtowns of Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester, Utica, and Romeo grew up around these streams as mill towns, and today continue to thrive, providing opportunities to experience local history and culture while enjoying world-class entertainment, dining, and shopping opportunities.











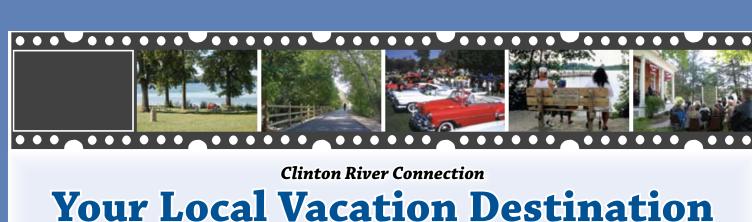
### **How to Use Your** Local Vacation Destination Trip Planning Guide

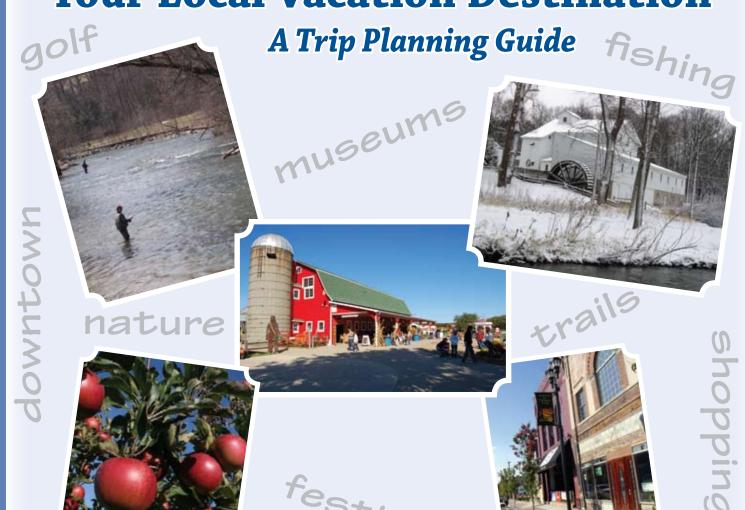
# Sometimes the best things in life are right under your nose. Why spend hours in the

car and hundreds of dollars on gas when you already live in an area that has so much to offer? Fantastic natural areas and hundreds of acres of beautiful parks, a world-class trail system, a blue-ribbon trout fishery, lakes, rivers and streams, five historic and vibrant downtown shopping districts, cider mills and orchards, historical museums, a major university, sports and theater, myriad golf opportunities, and fine dining. You name it and you'll find it right here in the Joining Creeks Area of the Clinton River Watershed.

Use this guide to help get you started on your next big adventure close to home. The map and guide inside lists hundreds of destinations and activities to fill an afternoon or a week's vacation. So take some time to peruse the map and get inspired to embark on a new adventure. We promise you'll discover something new every time.







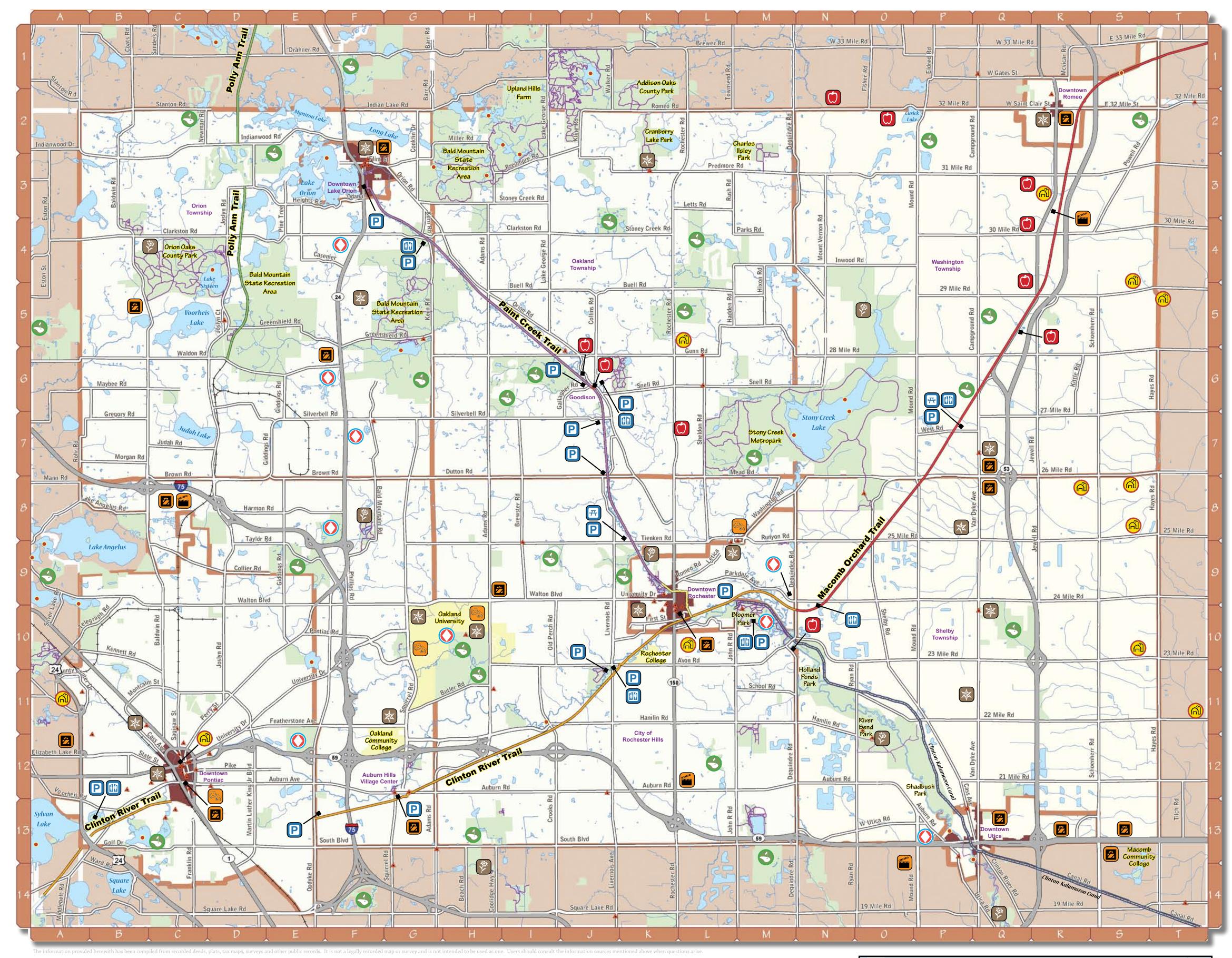
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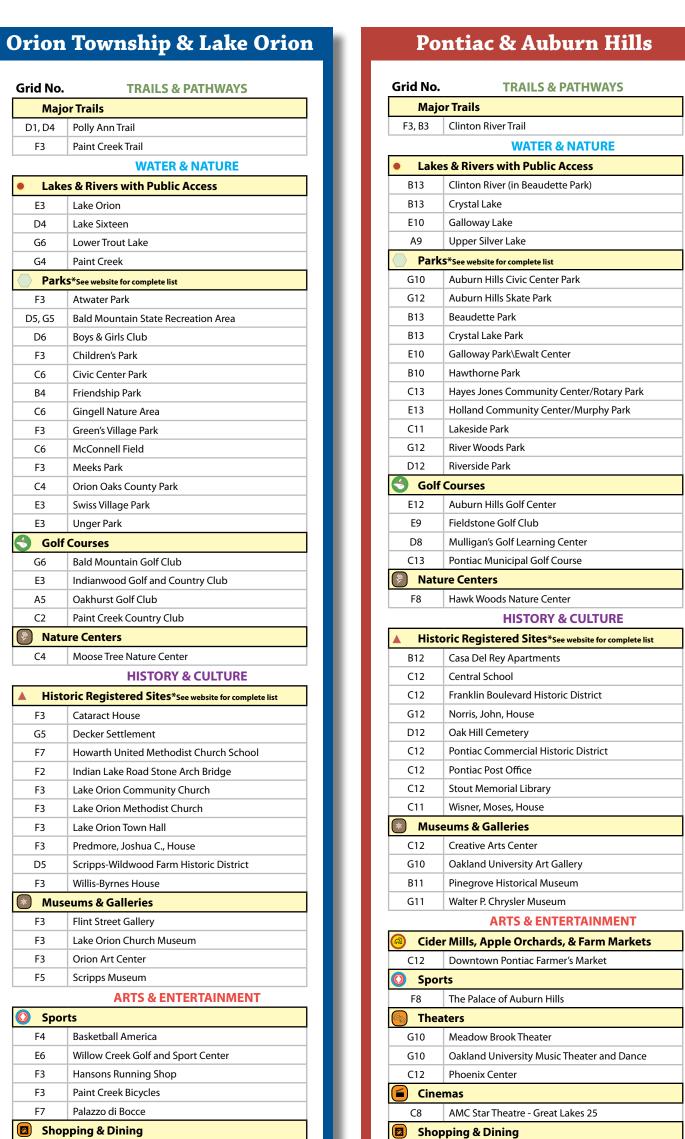


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For more trip planning information, visit <u>www.oakgov.com/crc</u>

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G12 Auburn Hills Village Center

C12 Downtown Pontiac

C8 Great Lakes Crossing

F3 Downtown Lake Orion

F6 Canterbury Village

B5 Swede Anne's Butik

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	G2	Chamberlain Lake	
	13	Graham Lake, East	
	12	Graham Lake, West	
	H3	Hart Lake	
	J6	Paint Creek	
	H2	Prince Lake	
	M7	Stony Creek Lake	
	Park	S*See website for complete list	
	J2	Addison Oaks County Park	
	H3, H5	Bald Mountain State Recreation Area	
	K6	Bear Creek Nature Park	
	K5	Blue Heron Environmental Area	
	М3	Charles IIsley Park	
	K2	Cranberry Lake Park	
	L4	Draper Twin Lake Park	
	H7	Gallagher Creek Park	
	J3	Lost Lake Nature Park	
	H4	Marsh View Connector	
	H4	Marsh View Park	
	J6	Mill Race Trail	
	J6	Paint Creek Heritage Area Wet Prairie	
	H4	Royal Oak Archers	
	L7	Stony Creek Metropark	
	L6	Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	
	12	Upland Hills Farm	
	Golf	Courses	
	G6	Bald Mountain Golf Club	
	K5	Blackheath Golf Club	
	M7	Stony Creek Metropark Golf Course	
	J4	The Myth Golf and Banquet	
	16	The Wyndgate	
	L4	Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club	
	17	Westwynd	
		HISTORY & CULTURE	
	▲ Histo	oric Registered Sites*See website for complete list	
	K6	Albertson, Eli and Sidney Teeter, House	
	К3	Axford-Coffin Farm	
	J6	Paint Creek Mill Race Commemorative Designation	
	16	Reuther, Walter P. and May Wolf, House	
	L6	Taylor, Joshua B., House	
	<b>Muse</b>	eums & Galleries	
	K2	Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District	
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Oakland Township & Goodison

**TRAILS & PATHWAYS** 

**WATER & NATURE** 

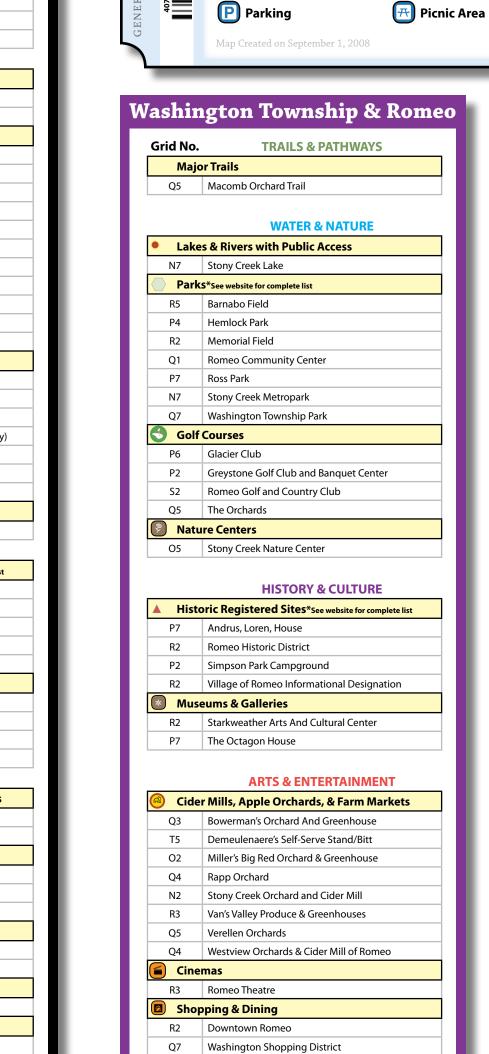
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**Major Trails** 

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**Lakes & Rivers with Public Access** 





Farm Market

O Sports Venue

**Golf Course** 

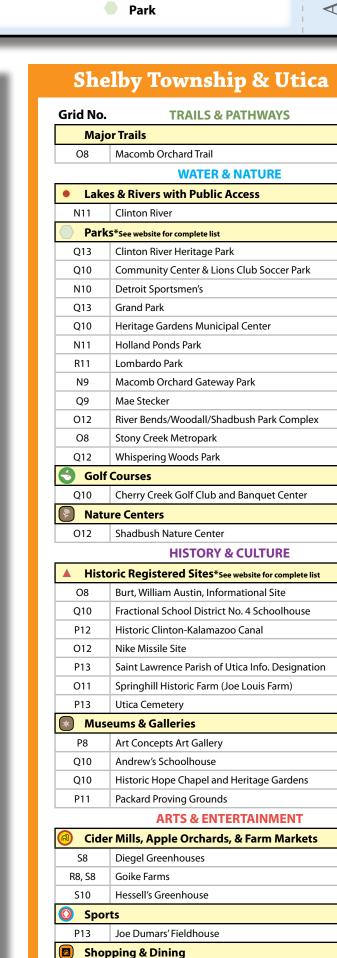
Nature Center

**Theatre** 

Park Trail

Cinema

Restroom



Q13 Downtown Utica

S13 Lakeside Mall

S13 Shelby Crossings

R13 Hall Road Shopping District

Q8 Shelby Shopping District

Water with Public Access

**Historic Registered Site** 

Cider Mill/Apple Orchard

Shopping & Dining

Museum/Gallery